

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2016 at 6:00pm

Attendees: Rick Amodei, Mark Spears, Kevin Smith, Drew McMorrow, Peter Gambino, Carren Panico, Holly Mansfield

Mosquito: Sarah Hart

Meeting began at 6:05pm

Minutes:

Kevin made the motion to approve the March 31, 2016 meeting minutes. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

New Recreation Member:

Kevin endorsed the appointment of Drew McMorrow to join the Recreation Commission. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Field Maintenance:

This summer has been tough on the fields. On top of very little rain, the circuit breaker for the main pump at Banta Davis was not working correctly and needed to be replaced. As a result, the irrigation was not running regularly for approximately three weeks. The fire pond next to Spalding field is low but the field is in decent condition. The large softball field is dry but can be easily repaired. We will need to look into reseeding the fields for the fall growing season. The fields were seeded in the spring but any extra seeding will stress the field maintenance budget. The current budget will allow for an extra over seed but this may not be enough to improve the overall condition of the fields. The condition of the little league field at Banta Davis is not good. This field could be rested in the fall. Rick may have to go to the Finance Committee to request additional funds for field repair and maintenance.

Peter Gambino expressed concern of possibly losing a softball field. According to the final Gale report on the field study Carlisle has too many diamonds. Peter is concerned that the softball field usage listed in the report is incorrect. Rick explained that the report is based on the number of games played. Spalding field is described as a multiuse field and listed as having more play. The softball field at Spalding is not regularly used because the field is used as a multipurpose field and softball cannot be played simultaneously with the other sports being played.

Field Maintenance Contract:

The field maintenance contract needs to be re-bid for next year starting on July 1, 2017 with a few changes and additions to the current contract. Some areas that need to be addressed include the number of times the infield is dragged, the length of the grass by season, woodchip replacement for Diment park and the fitness area at Banta Davis, cleaning areas such as the pump house and new materials for the infields. Mark will look into getting a quote for the Fenway Mix for all infields.

Dog Park:

Vanessa Moroney approached the RecCom with the idea of constructing a Dog Park on the top of the septic mound at Banta Davis. The purpose of this project would be to create an area for families to allow dogs to roam safely off leash. Vanessa was looking to construct this project with community donations. However, the concern is how to properly maintain the facility. All were in agreement that any available funds should be put toward current field maintenance issues as opposed to new projects that could potentially become a maintenance expense.

Outline of Administrative Changes per Town Administrator:

Kevin made the motion to "move that the Recreation Commission authorizes, and conveys all necessary authority to the Town Administrator to approve and process all Recreation Department invoices, and payroll changes and authorizations, and further to supervise the Recreation Director in conjunction with the Recreation Commission and to perform the Director's annual performance evaluation." Mark seconded the motion. All in favor: Yes.

Other:

The board will look into creating a committee to look at the final field study report and transition the report into a field plan. The board should consist of various members of the community.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.